

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Richard J. Schmidt of Arnold, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of his One Hundredth Birthday on March 5, 2004; and

Whereas, on March 5, 1904, in St. Louis, God brought a special gift to Gottlieb and Winona Schmidt with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Richard, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, Richard Schmidt made his formal debut in 1904 along with such notable people as pianist and bandleader William "Count" Basie, Hollywood actor Cary Grant, and children's author and cartoonist Theodore Seuss "Dr. Seuss" Geisel; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Richard Schmidt had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as his marriage to Alta C. Schmidt and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, Richard Schmidt has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include four children, Richard W., Margaret A., Kenneth E., and Neil R.; twenty-four grandchildren; thirty-five great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a retired accountant, Richard Schmidt further distinguished himself by pitching a no-hitter against the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks in 1924; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 100, Richard Schmidt is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Richard Schmidt at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Richard Schmidt, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Philip Willoughby
District No. 33

Representative Tim Meadows
District No. 101

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. _____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker